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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing local authorities to permit parking on the
2 left side of a roadway during periods of winter weather.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.361, Code 2011, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. Local authorities may by ordinance
4 permit vehicles stopped or parked upon a roadway where there
5 are adjacent curbs to be stopped or parked with the left-hand
6 wheels of the vehicle adjacent to and within eighteen inches of
7 the left-hand curb, if deemed safer than stopping or parking
8 as provided in subsection 1 during periods of snow, sleet,
9 or freezing rain or when snow or ice has accumulated on the
10 roadway. However, an ordinance adopted under this subsection
11 shall not apply to a road which is a primary road extension.

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill relates to parking on the left side of a roadway.
14 The bill permits a political subdivision of the state to adopt
15 an ordinance allowing a vehicle to park on a roadway with the
16 left-hand wheels of a vehicle within 18 inches of the left-hand
17 curb, if the political subdivision deems it safer than parking
18 on the right-hand side of the street during periods of snow,
19 sleet, or freezing rain or when snow or ice has accumulated on
20 the roadway. The provision does not apply to a road which is a
21 primary road extension. Current law prohibits a vehicle from
22 parking with the left-hand wheels adjacent to the left-hand
23 curb unless the roadway is a one-way roadway.